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Committee Bill No. 604

LCO No. 4125

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF CERTAIN GENERAL ELECTION GRANTS UNDER THE CITIZENS' ELECTION PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (j) of section 9-705 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2009*):

4 (j) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive,
5 of this section:

6 (1) The initial grant that a qualified candidate committee for a
7 candidate is eligible to receive under subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of
8 this section shall be reduced by the amount of any personal funds that
9 the candidate provides for the candidate's campaign for nomination or
10 election pursuant to subsection (c) of section 9-710;

11 (2) If a participating candidate is nominated at a primary and does
12 not expend the entire grant for the primary campaign authorized
13 under subsection (a), (b), (e) or (f) of this section or all moneys that
14 may be received for the primary campaign under section 9-713 or 9-

15 714, the amount of the grant for the general election campaign shall be
 16 reduced by the total amount of any such unexpended primary
 17 campaign grant and moneys;

18 (3) If a participating candidate who is nominated for election does
 19 not have any opponent in the general election campaign, the amount
 20 of the general election campaign grant for which the qualified
 21 candidate committee for said candidate shall be eligible shall be thirty
 22 per cent of the applicable amount set forth in subsections (a) to (i),
 23 inclusive; and

24 (4) If the only opponent or opponents of a participating candidate
 25 who is nominated for election to an office are eligible minor party
 26 candidates or eligible petitioning party candidates and no such eligible
 27 minor party candidate's or eligible petitioning party candidate's
 28 candidate committee has received a total amount of contributions of
 29 any type that is equal to or greater than the amount of the qualifying
 30 contributions that a candidate for such office is required to receive
 31 under section 9-704 to be eligible for grants from the Citizens' Election
 32 Fund, the amount of the general election campaign grant for such
 33 participating candidate shall be sixty per cent of the applicable amount
 34 set forth in this section.

35 (5) If the only opponent or opponents of a qualified candidate
 36 committee of a candidate who has a primary for nomination to an
 37 office are candidates who do not qualify to receive a grant from the
 38 Citizens' Election Fund, the amount of the general election campaign
 39 grant for which such qualified candidate committee for said candidate
 40 shall be eligible, if nominated, shall be reduced by an amount equal to
 41 the amount of the grant received by such qualified candidate
 42 committee for said candidate for the primary campaign.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2009	9-705(j)
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Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit the inherent funding advantage to candidates facing nonqualifying primary candidates.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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